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EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2002

The regular meeting of the Edgefield County Council was held at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, November 5, 2002, in the Edgefield County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield. Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and he also gave the invocation. After the invocation was given, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Members present:

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Joel Hudson, Councilman
William R. Vaughan, Councilman

Members absent:

Norman Dorn, Councilman

Others present:

Wayne Adams, County Administrator
John Byrd, Jr., County Attorney
Barbara Stark, Clerk to Council

Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

October 8, 2002, Regular Meeting of Edgefield County Council
October 1, 2002, Public Hearing
October 8, 2002, Public Meeting (millage increase for hospital renovation)

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Reports passed.

New Business

Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve . Third Reading of Ordinance No. 02-03-427, "An Ordinance Amending §152.082 and 152.083 and Chapter 153 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances to Provide Clearer Standards for the Acceptance of Public Streets and Roads into the County Road Maintenance System, and to Clarify Standards for the County Approval of Private Streets and Roads." Motion carried unanimously.

The chairman asked for approval of Third Reading of Ordinance No. 01-02-413-, "An Ordinance Amending Title XV of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances to Establish

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Size and Density Standards for Lots on Paved and Unpaved Roadways in the Zoned and Unzoned Areas of the County, to Establish Conditional Permits for Multiple Dwellings on a Lot Under Certain Conditions, to Establish Accessibility Standards for Lot Development, and to Provide for the Granting of Specified Variances by the Edgefield County Planning Commission.” Councilman Vaughan made a motion to accept third reading of Ordinance No. 01-02-413, seconded by Councilman Bright. Councilman Vaughan made a motion to accept the amendment provided by the Planning Commission with one change, changing the definition of small subdivisions to include up to six new residential lots rather than five. Seconded by Councilman Hudson. Motion carried unanimously on Ordinance No. 01-02-413, as amended.

Mr. Bill Botham with Comcast Cablevision, addressed council concerning the franchise agreement between Comcast and Edgefield County. Ordinance No. 00-01-410 was passed. Mr. Botham stated there were some things that needed correcting (council was presented an amending ordinance). The changes were: (1) wrong legal entity for Comcast (should be Comcast Cablevision of Georgia-South Carolina) (2) signature page; where to send notices; failed to list the address of Edgefield County. Page two of the original ordinance *Edgefield County* should be filled in specifically instead of city/county. Things of this nature had to be corrected. Councilman Vaughan asked how much does Edgefield County receives in fees from Comcast each year? The Administrator stated he felt a little over \$60,000.00 (upon a review by the county administrator, it was determined that the actual amount was \$20,000.00) . Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Vaughan, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 02-03-429, “An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Edgefield County, South Carolina, Cable Television Franchise Franchise Ordinance No. 00-01-410.” Motion carried.

New Business

Motion was made by Councilman Vaughan, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve the request of Edgefield Civic League/Courtesy Center for the second quarter payment of \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

The following bids were received for the widening of US Highway 25 (Industrial Park):

Satterfield Construction Co., Inc.	\$298,900.00
Mabus Bros. Const. Co., Inc.	\$299,051.50
Plowden Construction	\$378,000.00
APAC-Georgia, Inc.	\$257,240.00
Pave-Way of Augusta, Inc.	\$457,156.00
Blair Construction, Inc.	\$298,516.75
Beam’s Pavement Maintenance Co.	\$286,970.00

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The Administrator stated that the budget for the widening portion of the Industrial Park capital budget for this year is \$400,000.00. The lowest of the above bids is \$257,240.00. That puts us well under budget. Mr. Adams suggested council consider awarding this contingent upon the review by the architect (Hass & Hilderbrand) to make sure that all of the particulars are in order with APAC-Georgia, Inc., as the low bidder. Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to approve the low bid of APAC-Georgia, Inc. of \$257,240.00. Motion carried.

The following resignations have been received:

Joe Seel:	EC Health Scholarship Board
John Pettigrew:	Economic Development Partnership
Sam Speight:	Economic Development Partnership

Chairman Kneece suggested that all of the committee appointments be brought up at the January 2003 meeting. This would give council members an opportunity to consider individuals during the holidays. Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Bright, to postpone appointment of new members until January 2003. Motion carried.

The terms of the following five members of the Edgefield County Planning Commission expired November 1, 2002; all have indicated their willingness to serve another two year term:

District I:	James F. Burt
District II:	Roger Hill Timpson
District III:	Joe Edwards
District IV:	Wendell Beaubian
District V:	Jim Oliver

Because the terms expired in November and all desire to serve again, a motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to reappoint the five members to the Edgefield County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tricia Glenn, representing the Tompkins Library/Welcome Center, addressed council concerning the possibility of displaying the prisoner's box at the Center. The prisoner's box was removed from the courtroom in the courthouse many years ago and put in storage at the county shop. There are other artifacts housed in the Library/Welcome Center that tell the story of Edgefield. Ms. Glenn stated that the prisoner's box is a very important part of history, and a prisoner box is no longer used in most courthouses throughout the country. She stated that they will restore it and, of course, it will be on loan to them. Chairman Kneece said he remembered the prisoner box being asked for the museum (discovery center). Ms. Glenn stated that she serves on that board and there just isn't

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space for the 'box' to be displayed there. Motion was made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve the request for the prisoner's box to be displayed at the Tompkins Library/Welcome Center, with approval from the museum that it does not want the 'box', and, that this is only a loan, not a donation. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Vaughan, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve a Christmas Bonus for county employees, same as last year: \$125.00 for full time employees and \$75.00 for part time employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Byrd, County Attorney, presented to council a quit-claim deed concerning an unused easement deeded to Edgefield County. This was an agenda item for the October 2002 council meeting and a quit-claim deed was the consensus of council at that meeting. Mr. Byrd explained this is a piece of property known as Glen Drive which, in essence, Edgefield County never accepted, a deed by W. S. May. There is a suit being brought to straighten this property out, called a quiet title, by an attorney in Columbia. County Council agreed that because there is no interest on the county's part, a quit-claim or deed is in order. Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Vaughan, to approve the quit-claim deed. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Laurie Smith, Elliott Davis, addressed council next concerning the 2001-02 audit (ending June 30, 2002) for Edgefield County. She went through several items of the audit, as she has done in the past. Stated that the county has a good fund balance; particularly with the cuts the county is seeing—equivalent to 4.4 months of operating expenses.

No guests.

No comments from the public.

Claims approved as follows:

A. PAYROLL: 9/30/02 thru 10/13/02

Regular.....\$87,691.37

PAYROLL: 10/14/02 thru 10/27/02

Regular.....\$90,008.90

B. General Operating.....\$177,700.27

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Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Bright, to go in executive session under (Section) § 30-4-70 (a) (2), South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, to receive legal advice concerning a threatened or potential claim against the county. Council will return to regular session at the discretion of the chairman. Motion carried.

No action was taken in executive session.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Vaughan, to adjourn, with the next regular council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2002. Motion carried.

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman

Norman Dorn, Councilman

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ATTEST

Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council

